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U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.58 million head on February 1, 2000. The inventory was 10 percent above February 1, 1999 and 7 percent above February 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.23 million, 15 percent above 1999 and 29 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.16 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 494,000, 600-699 pounds were 696,000, 700-799 pounds were 654,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 382,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 2.05 million, 1 percent above 1999 and 3 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during January, 1 percent below 1999 and 30 percent below 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES UP 11 PERCENT

Cattle on feed February 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.89 million, up 11 percent from the previous year and 8 percent above February 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.93 million, 15 percent above 1999 and 29 percent above 1998.

Marketings during January totaled 1.75 million, 1 percent above 1999 and 3 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance during January was 51,000 head, 9 percent above 1999 but 35 percent below 1998.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, December 1999 and January 2000

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
Dec	465	498	422	261	1,646
Jan	494	696	654	382	2,226

Cattle and calves on feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, 7 Historic States and United States

State	Number on feed January 1			Placed during January			Marketed during January			Other disappearance during January			Number on feed February 1		
	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	206	272	132	25	29	116	28	24	86	1	2	200	202	275	136
CA	400	415	104	45	57	127	55	55	91	5	7	140	385	415	108
CO	1,140	1,180	104	260	290	112	250	260	104	10	10	100	1,140	1,200	105
IA	335	375	112	56	60	107	40	48	120	1	2	200	350	385	110
KS	2,110	*2,310	109	*420	520	124	490	480	98	10	10	100	*2,030	2,340	115
NE	2,110	2,300	109	450	500	111	400	420	105	10	10	100	2,150	2,370	110
TX	2,720	2,900	107	425	475	112	475	465	98	10	10	100	2,660	2,900	109
7 States	9,021	9,752	108	1,681	1,931	115	1,738	1,747	101	47	51	109	8,917	9,885	111
Oth. Sts.	450	445	99	62	64	103	65	62	95	2	2	100	445	445	100
U.S.	10,667	*11,475	108	*1,933	2,226	115	2,021	2,048	101	70	69	99	*10,509	11,584	110

* Revised.

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice				Choice			
	1100-1300 lbs				1000-1200 lbs			
	1999		2000		1999		2000	
January	15	61.61	69.03		61.91		69.14	
January	22	60.86	67.89		60.97		NA	
January	29	60.55	67.24		60.48		67.28	

NA: Not available.

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-February 2000 averaged 38.0 cents, down 3.0 cents from mid-January. Table egg production in Florida during January was 224 million eggs, down three percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.15 billion during January 2000, up 2 percent from the 6.98 billion produced in 1999. Production included 6.06 billion table eggs and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 65.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2000 averaged 329 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during January 1999. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,176 eggs, up 1 percent from 2,165 eggs in January 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2000, totaled 329 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 329 million layers consisted of 270 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.69 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2000, averaged 69.0 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 69.1 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.72 billion eggs during January, up 2 percent from January 1999. The average number of layers during January, at 309 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Mid-month table egg prices received
by Florida egg producers.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	1999	2000
January	49.0	41.0
February	45.0	38.0
March	44.0	
April	37.0	
May	28.0	
June	37.0	
July	34.0	
August	41.0	
September	32.0	
October	26.0	
November	42.0	
December	38.0	

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month;
percentages by age and molting stage

	Feb 1999	Dec 1999	Jan 2000	Feb 2000
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,709	10,671	10,694	10,586
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	4.5	1.5	4.0	8.0
Molt completed	31.5	40.5	42.0	38.0

Layers and egg production, January 1999, production year-to-date egg production for selected States

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand		Millions				Percent	
Alabama	10,483	1,927	202	73	129	408	4.5	8.5
Arkansas	15,509	1,954	303	117	186	607	3.0	8.5
California	24,517	2,219	544			1,105	7.0	38.5
Florida	10,641	2,218	236	224	12	478	8.0	38.0
Georgia	20,975	2,122	445	265	180	903	6.5	15.5
Indiana	22,639	2,288	518	506	12	1,049	4.0	29.0
Iowa	27,407	2,255	618			1,230	3.5	30.0
Maine	4,333	2,400	104			208	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,484	2,382	83	75	8	167	0.0	40.0
Michigan	6,178	2,171	134			274	6.0	22.5
Minnesota	12,738	2,143	273	264	9	555	2.5	31.0
Mississippi	6,605	1,998	132	42	90	267	4.0	14.5
Missouri	6,001	2,183	131			269	3.0	22.5
Nebraska	11,876	2,097	249	249		508	9.0	25.0
New York	3,899	2,360	92			182	1.5	5.0
North Carolina	11,456	1,912	219	88	131	440	3.0	8.5
Ohio	32,120	2,235	718			1,436	4.5	12.0
Pennsylvania	22,739	2,238	509	491	18	1,025	5.5	20.0
South Carolina	4,606	2,084	96	80	16	201	11.5	26.0
Texas	17,853	2,151	384			787	4.5	15.5
Virginia	3,718	1,937	72	36	36	144	8.5	8.5
Washington	4,745	2,306	109			218	5.0	38.5
Other States	44,056	2,222	979	905	74	1,963	5.3	18.6
United States	328,578	2,176	7,150	6,064	1,086	14,424	5.0	21.1

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The January hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 9,531,000, was down 4 percent from a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on February 1, at 8,122,000, were 4 percent above a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during January at 1,074,000 chicks, was 12 percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on February 1, at 899,000 was down slightly from last year.

UNITED STATES

The January 1999 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 749 million, was up 2 percent from January of the previous year. There were 620 million eggs in incubators on February 1, 2000, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.86 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2000, down 3 percent from January 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 34.1 million, down 4 percent from January 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 32.8 million on February 1, 2000, down 3 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 121,000 during January 2000, up 28 percent from January 1999.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	33,876	32,847	97
Chicks hatched during Jan	35,653	34,125	96
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	166	212	128
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,029	3,012	99
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	607,412	620,179	102
Chicks hatched during Jan	735,348	749,375	102
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,059	6,861	97
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	59,403	64,050	108

^{1/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched July 1998 through June 1999 ^{2/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched October 1998 through June 1999.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 220 million pounds of milk during January 2000, 2 percent less than the previous January. Production per cow, at 1,410 pounds, was slightly below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in January totaled 156,000, 1 percent below last year.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

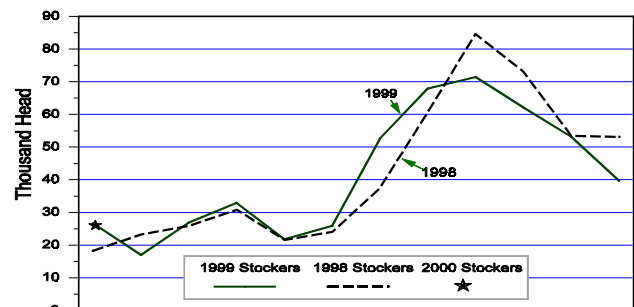
Month and year		Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
			Per cow	Monthly Total
		Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:				
January	1999	158	1,415	224
December	1999	156	1,320	206
January	2000	156	1,410	220
20 Major States:				
January	1999	7,694	1,518	11,679
December	1999	7,757	1,538	11,928
January	2000	7,763	1,576	12,232
United States				
January	1999	--	--	13,628
December	1999	--	--	12,607
January	2000	--	--	14,273

Outshipments of Florida stocker calves by truck east of the Suwanee River, by months, 1998-99

Month	Stocker calves		All stockers*	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Jan	15,090	24,189	18,246	26,650
Feb	21,501	14,324	23,264	16,976
Mar	22,942	22,041	25,998	26,909
Apr	26,892	28,393	30,871	32,924
May	19,524	18,574	21,628	21,798
Jun	21,252	21,293	24,099	25,880
Jul	37,413	46,793	37,592	52,641
Aug	47,637	46,397	60,689	67,960
Sep	73,910	52,666	84,627	71,428
Oct	65,016	33,836	73,218	62,132
Nov	47,422	46,899	53,512	53,169
Dec	46,899	33,290	53,169	39,718

*Steers, heifers and calves.

Florida Stocker* Outshipments by Truck from East and South of Suwanee River



* Includes steers, heifers and calves

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for January 2000 was 4.2 million pounds, 27 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for January at 3.79 billion pounds, was one percent below 1999.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	Jan 1999	Dec 1999	Jan 2000	Year to date 1999	Year to date 2000
Florida ^{1/}					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	13	7	7	7
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,243	2,136	1,195	1,243	1,195
Red Meat production (million pounds)	3.3	4.9	4.2	3.3	4.2
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	*2,961	*2,875	2,937	2,961	2,937
Total liveweight (million pounds)	*3,613	3,523	3,610	3,613	3,610
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,220	1,225	1,229	1,200	1,229
Beef production (million pounds)	2,170	*2,113	2,178	2,170	2,178
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	*105	*112	93	105	93
Total liveweight (million pounds)	*29	34	29	29	29
Average liveweight (pounds)	278	*302	311	278	311
Veal production (million pounds)	18	*20	17	18	17
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	*8,554	*8,885	8,141	8,554	8,141
Liveweight (million pounds)	*2,215	2,320	2,133	2,215	2,133
Average liveweight (pounds)	259	261	262	259	262
Pork production (million pounds)	*1,628	*1,705	1,570	1,628	1,570
Red meat production (million pounds)	*3,833	3,862	3,785	3,833	3,785

^{1/} Florida cattle and calves data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations. *Revised.

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions January 1999 and 2000

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	1999		2000		Grade	1999		2000	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	101.14	75.92	125.85	103.90	Medium #1	81.48	64.61	106.40	92.42
Medium #2	84.27	66.30	107.39	91.43	Medium #2	70.87	58.01	94.26	82.13
All grades	93.65	72.45	119.67	100.74	All grades	78.45	63.14	103.93	90.83

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Section.